

RUSSIA'S SOLDIERS RUSH TO SCHOOLS Men So Eager to Get Education That They Are Too Busy to Fight

FOOD PROBLEM SERIOUS Peasants, Refusing Pay, Give Provisions Free to Army Men

PETROGRAD, June 1. Demand for a six-hour day appeared likely today to paralyze industry in twelve of Russia's largest factories—mostly munitions plants. The workmen decided either to strike or to carry out literally the regulations under which they were employed—the regulations being so complex that very little work would be possible. A number of workmen were reported to have struck already.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD

Many of Russia's soldiers are so busy acquiring an education that they haven't time to fight. They are crowding the children out of the schools. In many sections they have started schools of their own. Minister of War Kerensky has had tremendous success in instilling the fight spirit in the troops actually at the front, but there are thousands of fighters who still roam about freely over Russia or else have laid down the rifle for the schoolbook.

Here, in Petrograd, a Jaeger regiment today opened a "soldiers' university," where fighters are taught mathematics and history. At Poleon the soldiers have usurped the desks of children in the schools. At Ramara the munitions workers have felt the same yearning for knowledge and have opened schools alongside their factories.

"Darkest Russia is no more—and the people as a whole, now seeing the light, want knowledge to guide them in the dazzling glare of their new-found freedom."

Extraordinary efforts are being made all over the country to back up Minister Kerensky's plans to make soldiers fighters. Notwithstanding this all trains are crowded with uniformed men, visiting their families or just wandering around.

I witnessed the departure from Petrograd yesterday of the weekly Vladivostok express. Scores of soldiers clung to the doors, the rails—even the roofs of the cars—no desperate were they to reach their homes. I was told the sight was by no means unusual. These are the men on whom the Government is now exerting every possible persuasion to make them see that the necessary liberty they enjoy must be fought for and won on the battlefield.

To stop the practice of soldiers wandering around Russia footloose, Premier Lvoff today issued an order to all Government commissioners throughout the provinces to "hike speedily and energetic steps to return dispersing to the front."

Food difficulties still give trouble. Official estimates today put the total of Russia's wheat stocks at about 120,000,000 bushels—a goodly amount, but there are tremendous problems in the transportation of this grain.

One other source of difficulty is the inclination of the peasants to hold their wheat among themselves and not sell it in the villages. The peasants claim in past years the villagers have overcharged them for shoes and clothes. Many instances are reported here where the peasants have refused high prices in the towns—and then given their produce freely and without charge to soldiers. At Somozh, Tambov and Shamlineff, where villagers were literally starving for lack of food, the peasants' progress, now in session here, finally succeeded in persuading the farmers to relent and sell their crops in the villages.

Minister of War and Marine Kerensky today ordered the establishment of a Government life insurance bureau for the benefit of Russia's sailors.

U. S., IN NOTE, REVEALS WAR AIMS TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, June 1. President Wilson's note to the provisional Government of Russia to pave the way for the Root Commission and to give Russia an understanding of America's purposes in the war against Germany is believed here to have reached its destination. Since its dispatch several days ago the character of the message has been the subject of much informal discussion. In general it is known to set forth that America is in the war to make the "world safe for democracy," as one of the champions of the rights of mankind. These expressions in the President's war message to Congress are said to form the texts for elaboration in the communication.

The note, it is believed, also discusses the subject of "annexations and indemnities" the question that caused the schism between the Russian provisional government and the radicals of the soldiers and workmen's committee.

The view of the United States on "indemnity" is said to be outlined in no uncertain terms by the President, who draws a distinction between a conqueror's exaction of war damages and a conqueror's exaction of blood money. The President is known to hold the view that the United States Government never will support a demand for indemnity to impose a penalty on a conqueror. But this view does not mean that Belgium should not be entitled to an indemnity in damages for destruction.

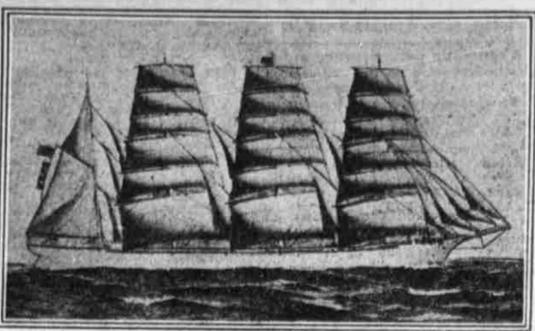
The United States, the President holds, will approve and demand damages to Belgium for the ravages and destruction which Germany inflicts upon a country which had offered here no offer of destruction which followed in the wake of what Germany determined to be a "military necessity" in her plan to strike an enemy. Such an indemnity the President regards not only as just, but necessary, if the world ever is to be made safe for democracy from an autocracy which disregards all laws of nations.

The note to Russia is declared to reiterate that the United States seeks "no indemnity for ourselves," "no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make," but to indicate in unmistakable terms that there must be indemnities for innocent nations laid in ruin.

RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS SEEK KERENSKY'S HEAD

LONDON, June 1. A Petrograd dispatch to Reuters says that the extreme wing of the Socialists is beginning to agitate openly against Minister of War Kerensky.

JACK LONDON'S OLD SHIP SUNK



The American square-rigger Dirigo, in which London made a trip around the Horn several years before his death, has fallen victim to a submarine. The Dirigo visited this port in December, 1914.

N. Y. CENTRAL TO ISSUE BONDS FOR \$70,000,000

New Jersey Public Utilities Commission Approves Permit for Company

TRENTON, June 1. The State Public Utilities Commission today authorized the New York Central Railroad Company to issue 4 per cent consolidation mortgage gold bonds to the amount of \$70,000,000 for the purpose of retiring an equal amount of Lake Shore collateral gold bonds of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, the predecessors of the New York Central Railroad Company.

R. D. TARBUCK WINS MIDDY APPOINTMENT

Central High Graduate Successful Competitor at Congressman Edmonds' Examination

Raymond D. Tarbuck, 3208 West Ontario street, winner of the competitive examination for Congressman George W. Edmonds' appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, has passed the entrance examinations for the academy with flying colors and will become a midshipman on June 15.

ACCUSES WIFE OF TAKING ACCUMULATED SAVINGS

Hosiery Weaver Begins Action to Restrain the Spending of \$3800

The accusation that his wife appropriated \$3800 in a little iron box in the cellar and fled with the same to the home of their daughter is made in proceedings begun today in Common Pleas Court No. 3 by Adolph Fehler, a hosiery weaver, living at 2510 North Palethorp street.

CAPTAIN 'TONY' BIDDLE ORDERED INTO SERVICE

Social Leader Now on Duty in Marine Reserves at Navy Yard

A. J. Drexel Biddle, a social leader of Philadelphia and captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, has been ordered to active duty, according to dispatches today from the War Department at Washington. When reached this afternoon at the marine barracks in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Captain Biddle said he received his instructions last Monday from the War Department to enter active duty. Captain Biddle is known fondly in all circles of the city as "Tony" Biddle.

LEGISLATIVE PAY BILL SIGNED

Governor Approves Change in Salary Distribution Method

HARRISBURG, June 1.—Governor Brumbaugh today signed the bill changing the method of distributing the pay of legislators for the present session, the members to receive \$160 a month for the first four months and \$200 for the remaining month, with the remainder at the close of the session.

This will give the legislators \$200 immediately and \$100 on the day of adjournment.

Wounded Girl Hides Assailant's Name SHAMOKIN, Pa., June 1.—Elizabeth Madara, seventeen years old, a daughter of John Madara, of Johnson City, was found unconscious on the road between Mayville and her home. She was bleeding from a knife thrust in her right shoulder and was badly bruised. She refused to discuss the case. Police think she was attacked by a man. Her condition is serious.

GORE TO DEMAND VOTE ON FOOD BILL TODAY

Efforts to Close All Organizations Permitting Speculation Expected in Senate

WIDE SURVEY ASSURED

WASHINGTON, June 1. The fight in the Senate over the food survey bill seemed an end today. After more than a week of dilatory and wearisome debate, Senator Gore, chairman of the Agriculture Committee in charge of the measure, hoped to force it to a vote before adjournment tonight.

Before a final vote several important amendments remain to be disposed of. Senator Thomas, of Colorado, expects to renew his effort to amend the bill to close exchanges, boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations permitting speculation in foodstuffs during the war period. This proposal was voted down once previously by the Senate, but Senator Thomas is counting on the growing sentiment against food speculation to carry it through this time.

The bill, by reason of the acceptance of the Pointeclair amendment yesterday, already contains a drastic prohibition against manipulating foodstuffs or fuel in interstate commerce in an attempt to corner the market. Many Senators, however, believe that this is not sufficient protection against cornering. Those in charge of the bill are opposing further amendments of this kind on the ground that they will be contained in the food regulation bill, still in the process of preparation.

The prohibitionists are adhering closely to their determination to reserve their fire until the introduction of the food regulation bill. No eleven-hour attempt to back a "dry" rider on the pending measure is anticipated.

LIBERIA GIVES REASON FOR BREAK WITH KAISER

THE HAGUE, June 1.—Liberia's former representative in Germany, writing to the Koolhaide Zeitung, explains how Liberia was forced to break off relations with Germany.

"From President Wilson's message of December 15, 1915, it was clear what a desperate effort the American Government was making to preserve strict neutrality," says the Minister. "The more President Wilson gained in power the more critical the situation became for Liberia, which was confronted with the choice of joining its big brother and protector, the United States, or disappearing from the face of the earth as an independent State."

URGES TORPEDO-AIRPLANE

America need fear no hostile fleet if 5000 torpedo-discharging airplanes are built, it was said today by J. A. Steinmetz, president of the Pennsylvania Aero Club, following an announcement that Germany had used such a plane to sink a boat of one of the Allies. Rear Admiral Fliske is the inventor of the torpedo plane.

"Germany's adoption of an American invention may bring a new menace to shipping," said Mr. Steinmetz. "The remedy I see is to build great numbers of airplanes equipped with rapid-fire guns, to drive back the torpedo-discharging craft."

WILSON STILL HOPES FOR PRESS CENSORSHIP

Plans to Call Meeting of Publishers and Let Them Write Measure

WASHINGTON, June 1. President Wilson has not given up hope that Congress will pass a war measure giving the right of censorship over the American press.

It was learned today that, following the defeat of the censorship section of the espionage bill in the House yesterday, the President will make no further efforts to have the censorship re-stated in this bill. The President let it be known, however, that he will seek to have passed at a later date a separate measure, giving the Administration the power of censorship.

A conference of the leading newspaper publishers and editors of the country will be called, and the President will ask them to set forth in detail their ideas as to what form the censorship should take. In effect the President will ask the press to write the censorship measure itself and then will plead for support in Congress on the ground that the bill has the approval of the newspapers.

President Wilson still believes some form of censorship that will give power to punish offenders is necessary and desirable.

Guardsman Freed of Incendary Charge

CARLISLE, Pa., June 1.—On habeas corpus proceedings Wilbur Hockersmith, a national guardsman, charged with starting a fire at Shippensburg, which swept the center of the town, had a hearing here, and the case was dismissed for want of sufficient evidence. Rumors of further incendiary attempts are keeping the citizens on the alert.

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